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In re Patent Application of:  
David DOLPHIN et al.

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Examiner: A. Noguerola

For: CHIRAL SEPARATION OF  
BENZOPORPHYRIN DERIVATIVE MONO-  
AND DI-ACID BY LASER-INDUCED  
FLUORESCENCE CAPILLARY  
ELECTROPHORESIS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 11, 2004, for which a response is due on May 11, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.